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**Abstract:**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To obtain the subject composition harmless to human body and having triglyceride lowering action by including a curcumin as an active ingredient. **SOLUTION:** This composition is obtained by including one or more selected from a curcumin [e.g. 1,7-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione] and its derivative {e.g. demethoxycurcumin [4-hydroxy-cinnamoyl-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-cinnamoyl)methane]} as an active ingredient. The composition, when to be used as a pharmaceutical, can be administered by oral administration, intravenous injection, hypodermic injection or the like using a curcumin or its derivative, as

necessary, combinedly with another lipid metabolism improving composition and the daily adult dose is preferably 1-30 mg/kg-body weight. The composition can be prepared as soft capsules, tablets, granuled or the like.

試 験 群	投 与 量	トリグリセリド (mg/24h)
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**Means for Solution** A lipid metabolism improving composition containing at least one sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative as an active principle.

#### Claim(s)

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**Means for Solving the Problem** This invention persons have the operation which a specific component contained in a flora etc. of a turmeric system which is the Zingiberaceae perennial plant as a result of inquiring wholeheartedly that an aforementioned problem etc. should be solved inhibits for accumulation of triglyceride in liver, and. By finding out that safety is high also to a human body, it succeeds in obtaining a lipid metabolism improving composition of the above-mentioned purpose, and came to complete this invention. That is, a lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention contains at least one sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative as an active principle.

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**Embodiment of the Invention** Below, an embodiment of the invention is described in detail. The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention contains at least one sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative as an active principle.

**0009** The curcumin used for this invention is 1,7-bis-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl) hepta-1,6-diene-3,5-dione, and is demethoxycurcumin as a curcumin derivative, for example. **4-hydroxy-cinnamoyl (4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-cinnamoyl) methane** Bis-demethoxycurcumin **Bis-(4-hydroxy-cinnamoyl) methane** \*\* is mentioned. These can use anything of chemosynthesis or vegetable origin. For example, curcumin and/or its derivative can be extracted from vegetation, such as an arrowroot from India, zedoary, mango JISHIJA, yellow zedoary **besides the turmeric (Curcuma longa L.) of the Zingiberaceae perennial**, black zedoary, and gallane girl. Although the compound with at least one pure sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative can be used in this invention, Unless an impurity unsuitable as not the thing limited to this but drugs and foodstuffs is contained, half-refining or crude curcumin, and/or its derivative can also be used. For example, from the above-mentioned turmeric to a rough curcumin extract. Usually, what bis-demethoxycurcumin 5% was contained demethoxycurcumin 7%, and curcumin could use this rough curcumin extract 37% of the weight (only henceforth "%"), and refined curcumin etc. from this curcumin extract to 100% may be used.

**0010** As at least one sort of preparing methods chosen from the curcumin used for this invention, and its derivative, a publicly known method is employable from the former, for example. For example, grind in mean particle diameter of 250-500 micrometers, and a turmeric on a hydrophilic solvent and a concrete target. Using ethanol, acetone, and ethylene dichloride, an extract is obtained, it ranks second with a Soxhlet method or a cooling filtration process, and the method of refining this extract using distillation under reduced pressure and a silicic acid column, etc. are mentioned.

**0011** The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention contains one sort (independent) or two sorts or more as an active principle by making into an active principle at least one sort chosen from the curcumin mentioned above and its derivative, namely, they can be used for it as drugs, ingesta (elegance), etc. When using as drugs, it can use together with other lipid metabolism improving agents the above-mentioned curcumin and its derivative, at least one selected sort, or if needed, and a medicine can be prescribed for the patient by various methods, such as internal use, an intravenous injection, subcutaneous injection, an intramuscular injection, and rectum administration by a suppository. Since the dose is also controllable by a route of administration and the number of times, when it can change broadly in accordance with condition, for example, uses as drugs, it is desirable per adult day 15microg - 300 mg/kg weight, and to consider it as 1 mg - 30 mg/kg weight preferably.

**0012** The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention can blend the avirulent carrier of an adequate amount with the effective dose of the above-mentioned curcumin etc. in the pharmaceutical-preparation-izing, and can prepare it to the pharmaceutical preparation for administration, etc. using the manufacturing method of arbitrary common use. When preparing to internal use, it is prepared by a soft capsule, a high capsule, a tablet, a granule, subtle granules, powder medicine, an active principle self-sustaining \*\*\*\*\* agent, liquids and solutions, suspension, etc., and it is prepared by injections, drops, suppository, etc. when carrying out parenteral administration.

**0013** Face pharmaceutical-preparation-izing and as an avirulent carrier, for example In this case,

sucrose esters, Fatty acid monoglyceride, propylene glycol fatty acid ester, a sorbitan fatty acid ester, Surface-active agents, such as lecithin, gum arabic, gelatin, sorbitol, a tragacanth gum, Binding materials, such as a polyvinyl pyrrolidone, sucrose, milk sugar, starch, crystalline cellulose, Mannite, light anhydrous silicic acid, magnesium aluminate, magnesium aluminometasilicate, Synthetic aluminum silicate, calcium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, calcium hydrogen phosphate, Carboxymethyl-cellulose calcium, an excipient, magnesium stearate, Lubricant, such as talc and hydrogenated oil, salt, saccharin, orange oil, glycyrrhiza extract, Corrigents, such as citrate, grape sugar, menthol, eucalyptus oil, and malic acid, An odor-masking agent, coconut oil, olive oil, sesame oil, peanut oil, soybean oil, medium-chain-fatty-acid triglyceride, Polyvinyl derivatives, such as carbohydrate derivatives, such as cellulose, such as suspension, such as safflower oil and soybean phosphatide, a wetting agent, and cellulose acetate phthalate (CAP), and sugars, a methyl acrylate methacrylate copolymer, and dibasic acid monoester, other coat formation agents, It is prepared by the conventional method using ingredients, such as a coating auxiliary agent, and use is presented.

**0014** Although the pharmaceutical preparation of membrane application and also injections are also prepared by the conventional method, When adopting the method which distilled water for injection is made to suspend for which or emulsify, As a suspending agent, soybean oil, peanut oil, medium-chain-fatty-acid triglyceride, etc. can be used, and sucrose fatty acid ester, fatty acid monoglyceride, propylene glycol fatty acid ester, a sorbitan fatty acid ester, lecithin, etc. can be used as an emulsifier, for example.

**0015** The curcumin used as the active principle of this invention and its derivative, or when using at least one selected sort as food and drinks, **15micro per effective dose of the above-mentioned curcumin etc., i.e., an adult day, g - 300 mg/kg weight -- preferably,** In addition to the food-and-drinks raw material of an adequate amount, and the food-and-drinks raw material which originally does not contain curcumin substantially in particular, processing manufacture can be carried out with the manufacturing method of common food and drinks at the effective dose used as **1 mg - 30mg /kg weight.** under the present circumstances -- the kind of foodstuffs and a gestalt in particular are not limited -- for example, a drink, frozen desert, and jelly -- it can lift and can prepare to noodles, a Vienna sausage, fish sausage, etc. The health food of the presentation which the balance of protein, amino acid, lipid, a vitamin, a trace element, etc. was able to take especially, Especially the thing containing at least one sort chosen as functional food, a supplement, the foodstuffs for specific insurance, etc. in the curcumin which is an active principle of this invention, and its derivative is preferred in respect of prevention of diseases, such as hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, a fatty liver, and myocardial infarction, and an improvement.

**0016** The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention constituted in this way promotes lipid metabolism by activity enhancement of beta-oxidation facilitatory system enzyme of lipid, and it excels in the lipid metabolism improvement effect to which triglyceride in an organ is made to fall (the example of an examination, etc. explain this point further). Since the curcumin contained as an active principle and its derivative, or at least one selected sort is an ingredient conventionally contained in the turmeric etc. in which edible etc. is carried out as foodstuffs or a crude drug, it is satisfactory also especially in respect of safety, and does not have worries about side effects. Since various food intakes and a medication method are possible for the lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention, it can adjust a medication method and a dose, and concomitant use with a lot of use, other lipid metabolism improving agents, or an antilipidemic agent is also possible for it further again. Therefore, the lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention is effective in prevention of diseases, such as hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, a fatty liver, and myocardial infarction, and a therapy, and can be applied to food and drinks besides drugs etc. like \*\*\*\*.

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**Table 1**

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**Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention**This invention tends to cancel this in view of the above-mentioned conventional actual condition etc.

The purpose is to provide a safe lipid metabolism improving composition also to the human body which has a hypotriglyceridemic action.

**Means for Solving the Problem**This invention persons have the operation which a specific component contained in a flora etc. of a turmeric system which is the Zingiberaceae perennial plant as a result of inquiring wholeheartedly that an aforementioned problem etc. should be solved inhibits for accumulation of triglyceride in liver, and. By finding out that safety is high also to a human body, it succeeds in obtaining a lipid metabolism improving composition of the above-mentioned purpose, and came to complete this invention. That is, a lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention contains at least one sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative as an active principle.

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**Embodiment of the Invention**Below, an embodiment of the invention is described in detail. The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention contains at least one sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative as an active principle.

**0009**The curcumin used for this invention is 1,7-bis-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxypheny) hepta-1,6-

diene- 3,5-dione, and is demethoxycurcumin as a curcumin derivative, for example. **4-hydroxy-cinnamoyl (4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-cinnamoyl) methane Bis-demethoxycurcuminBis-(4-hydroxy-cinnamoyl)methane \*\*** is mentioned. These can use anything of chemosynthesis or vegetable origin. For example, curcumin and/or its derivative can be extracted from vegetation, such as an arrowroot from India, zedoary, mango JISHIJA, yellow zedoary **besides the turmeric (Curcuma longa L.) of the Zingiberaceae perennial**, black zedoary, and gallane girl. Although the compound with at least one pure sort chosen from curcumin and its derivative can be used in this invention, Unless an impurity unsuitable as not the thing limited to this but drugs and foodstuffs is contained, half-refining or crude curcumin, and/or its derivative can also be used. For example, from the above-mentioned turmeric to a rough curcumin extract. Usually, what bis-demethoxycurcumin 5% was contained demethoxycurcumin 7%, and curcumin could use this rough curcumin extract 37% of the weight (only henceforth "%"), and refined curcumin etc. from this curcumin extract to 100% may be used.

**0010**As at least one sort of preparing methods chosen from the curcumin used for this invention, and its derivative, a publicly known method is employable from the former, for example. For example, grind in mean particle diameter of 250-500 micrometers, and a turmeric on a hydrophilic solvent and a concrete target. Using ethanol, acetone, and ethylene dichloride, an extract is obtained, it ranks second with a Soxhlet method or a cooling filtration process, and the method of refining this extract using distillation under reduced pressure and a silicic acid column, etc. are mentioned.

**0011**The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention contains one sort (independent) or two sorts or more as an active principle by making into an active principle at least one sort chosen from the curcumin mentioned above and its derivative, namely, they can be used for it as drugs, ingesta (elegance), etc. When using as drugs, it can use together with other lipid metabolism improving agents the above-mentioned curcumin and its derivative, at least one selected sort, or if needed, and a medicine can be prescribed for the patient by various methods, such as internal use, an intravenous injection, subcutaneous injection, an intramuscular injection, and rectum administration by a suppository. Since the dose is also controllable by a route of administration and the number of times, when it can change broadly in accordance with condition, for example, uses as drugs, it is desirable per adult day 15microg - 300 mg/kg weight, and to consider it as 1 mg - 30 mg/kg weight preferably.

**0012**The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention can blend the avirulent carrier of an adequate amount with the effective dose of the above-mentioned curcumin etc. in the pharmaceutical-preparation-izing, and can prepare it to the pharmaceutical preparation for administration, etc. using the manufacturing method of arbitrary common use. When preparing to internal use, it is prepared by a soft capsule, a high capsule, a tablet, a granule, subtle granules, powder medicine, an active principle self-sustaining \*\*\*\*\* agent, liquids and solutions, suspension, etc., and it is prepared by injections, drops, suppository, etc. when carrying out parenteral administration.

**0013**Face pharmaceutical-preparation-izing and as an avirulent carrier, for example In this case, sucrose esters, Fatty acid monoglyceride, propylene glycol fatty acid ester, a sorbitan fatty acid ester, Surface-active agents, such as lecithin, gum arabic, gelatin, sorbitol, a tragacanth gum, Binding materials, such as a polyvinyl pyrrolidone, sucrose, milk sugar, starch, crystalline cellulose, Mannite, light anhydrous silicic acid, magnesium aluminate, magnesium aluminometasilicate, Synthetic aluminum silicate, calcium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, calcium hydrogen phosphate, Carboxymethyl-cellulose calcium, an excipient, magnesium stearate, Lubricant, such as talc and hydrogenated oil, salt, saccharin, orange oil, glycyrrhiza extract, Corrigents, such as citrate, grape sugar, menthol, eucalyptus oil, and malic acid, An odor-masking agent, coconut oil, olive oil, sesame oil, peanut oil, soybean oil, medium-chain-fatty-acid triglyceride, Polyvinyl derivatives, such as carbohydrate derivatives, such as cellulose, such as suspension, such as safflower oil and soybean phosphatide, a wetting agent, and cellulose acetate phthalate (CAP), and sugars, a methyl acrylate methacrylate copolymer, and dibasic acid monoester, other coat formation agents, It is prepared by the conventional method using ingredients, such as a coating auxiliary agent, and use is presented.

**0014**Although the pharmaceutical preparation of membrane application and also injections are also prepared by the conventional method, When adopting the method which distilled water for injection

is made to suspend for which or emulsify, As a suspending agent, soybean oil, peanut oil, medium-chain-fatty-acid triglyceride, etc. can be used, and sucrose fatty acid ester, fatty acid monoglyceride, propylene glycol fatty acid ester, a sorbitan fatty acid ester, lecithin, etc. can be used as an emulsifier, for example.

**0015**The curcumin used as the active principle of this invention and its derivative, or when using at least one selected sort as food and drinks, 15micro **per effective dose of the above-mentioned curcumin etc., i.e., an adult day**, g - 300 mg/kg weight -- preferably, In addition to the food-and-drinks raw material of an adequate amount, and the food-and-drinks raw material which originally does not contain curcumin substantially in particular, processing manufacture can be carried out with the manufacturing method of common food and drinks at the effective dose used as 1 mg - 30mg /kg weight. under the present circumstances -- the kind of foodstuffs and a gestalt in particular are not limited -- for example, a drink, frozen desert, and jelly -- it can lift and can prepare to noodles, a Vienna sausage, fish sausage, etc. The health food of the presentation which the balance of protein, amino acid, lipid, a vitamin, a trace element, etc. was able to take especially, Especially the thing containing at least one sort chosen as functional food, a supplement, the foodstuffs for specific insurance, etc. in the curcumin which is an active principle of this invention, and its derivative is preferred in respect of prevention of diseases, such as hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, a fatty liver, and myocardial infarction, and an improvement.

**0016**The lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention constituted in this way promotes lipid metabolism by activity enhancement of beta-oxidation facilitatory system enzyme of lipid, and it excels in the lipid metabolism improvement effect to which triglyceride in an organ is made to fall (the example of an examination, etc. explain this point further). Since the curcumin contained as an active principle and its derivative, or at least one selected sort is an ingredient conventionally contained in the turmeric etc. in which edible etc. is carried out as foodstuffs or a crude drug, it is satisfactory also especially in respect of safety, and does not have worries about side effects. Since various food intakes and a medication method are possible for the lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention, it can adjust a medication method and a dose, and concomitant use with a lot of use, other lipid metabolism improving agents, or an antilipidemic agent is also possible for it further again. Therefore, the lipid metabolism improving composition of this invention is effective in prevention of diseases, such as hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, a fatty liver, and myocardial infarction, and a therapy, and can be applied to food and drinks besides drugs etc. like \*\*\*\*.

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